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I. INTRODUCTION

A. THE ROUTE PLANNING PROBLEM

In the past, a great deal of effort has gone into development of new airborne electronic warfare equipment. Extensive tests and evaluation of these systems have been conducted to optimize their performance against threat systems. When delivered to the fleet, they truly represent good systems, but it seems that the optimization stops at that time. The systems, with computer assistance, perform well for the situations and environments they are subjected to, but what is often overlooked is the fact that the operator has some control over these situations and environments.

In the airborne ECM support mission, the policy has been to fly one of two profiles; the escort or the stand off In the escort role, the ECM aircraft flies in the strike group formation and concentrates his assets on the terminal threat radars. This may be advantageous in some situations, but for the most part, with the threat density and Home-On-Jam (HOJ) capability of current missiles, the ECM aircraft would only serve as a billboarding threat magnet and his chances of survival would be slim. Also, after ordnance delivery, he would be unable to keep the speed of the exiting strike group, and the advantage of radar-strike aircraft-jammer alignment would be lost. the stand off role the ECM aircraft does not penetrate any of the threat envelopes and concentrates his

primarily on the wider beamed search and acquisition (ACQ) radars. This is a good tactic where ECM aircraft exposure must be minimized, but good radar-strike aircraft-jammer alignment is sacrificed and excessive range of the jammer occurs.

The mcdified escort route has been suggested as a compromise between the escort and standoff routes. In this route, the ECM aircraft flies an escort role until a predetermined point where it alters course to avoid high exposure areas and rejoins the strike group on their exit leg. This type mission offers some of the increased performance of the escort role while retaining some of the survivalibility of the stand off role.

If presented with a strike route, the EOB, permissible ECM aircraft threat exposure, jammer assets, and speed, the operator can determine a route which maximizes the jamming effectiveness against enemy emitters for these conditions. Current planning documents and tactical manuals give the ECM necessary information to determine the the effectiveness against a single radar from any given point. If the operator flies anything other than a pure escort role he must determine which radars to concentrate his assets upon; i.e., he must determine a priority for each emitter. These priorities will change as the strike group progresses along its route. For each position of the strike route the operator must check all possible locations for his platform to come up with the best possible position for his aircraft. He then repeats this process for each position of the strike route, each time re-prioritizing each emitter and checking each possible jammer location to determine his position. he has performed all these optimum When calculations he must select within the aircraft speed limitations, the route for maximum jamming effectiveness. For a moderately dense environment and a simple strike route

it would take an operator days to research all information and perform the calculations necessary to develop an optimum ECM route.

B. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The problem of determining an optimum route does not lend itself well to a continuous solution by conventional techniques. Because of the fixed number of jammers on board the aircraft and the rather abrupt lethal envelopes of the threat systems, there arise many sharp discontinuities which defy the annuous solution. In a very short period of time the way emitter priorities can change grossly and jammer assignments should instantly change. As a result of this the problem must be approached as a series of static situations which can be solved within the constraints. An optimum route can then be determined by using dynamic programming techniques [Ref. 1].

A program to accomplish this has been developed. It does not generate the absolute optimum route since this would take far more computer size and time than will be available to the aircrew. Because of the constraint of ECM aircraft maximum speed, a majority of the points calculated in the absolute optimization would have to be discarded anyway, since they could not be reached by the aircraft in the time available. Several approaches to the problem were tried. The method chosen represents a nearly optimum route and is obtained with a small program size and short execution time. Essentially, the program determines the point where the strike group exposure is greatest and for this time computes the absolute optimum position for the jammer platform within its own tolerable exposure limits. It then computes a high performance route to and from this

point. For the typical environment where the strike group exposure increases monotonically to this maximum, the route generated should approach the absolute optimum. It should be pointed out at this time that the program generates a horizontal flight route only. As such, all beam widths and radiation patterns referred to are in the horizontal plane.

The basic program flow is seen in Fig 1. It is comprised primarily of two parallel paths. The strike route is input as a series of points that are separated by one minute in time. After the allowable jammer positions and the point of highest exposure to the strike group are computed, the ten best positions for the jammer platform are determined from all the allowable positions. Ten a reasonable selected as number considering the characteristics of the Wang 2200 computer expected to be available to the operator. The strike route is then divided into two segments about the highest exposure point. The program then takes parallel paths for each segment. Starting with the first of the ten possible jammer positions at the high exposure point, a circle with radius equal to the one minute flight distance of the ECM aircraft is drawn. The performance for the next strike route point in the segment is then computed from every point in the circle with the highest being retained as the next ECM route point. This point becomes the center of the circle for the next time slot and the process is repeated. The routes generated for both segments are then joined together to form an ECM route. The performances at each point are summed for a measure of effectiveness (MOE) for the route. A route is generated for each of the ten highest performance jammer positions determined for the strike group's greatest exposure point, and the operator has his choice of the routes based on the MOE.

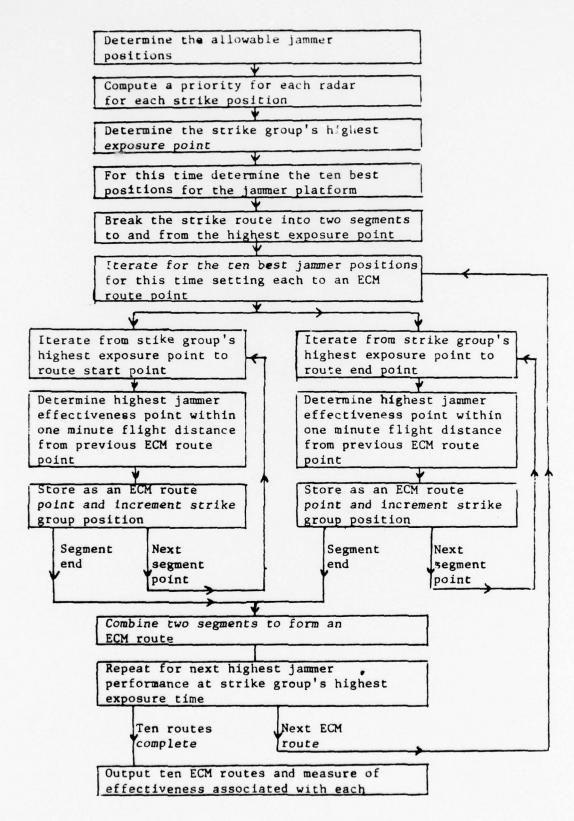


Figure 1 - BASIC PROGRAM FLOW

II. PRELIMINARY CALCULATIONS

Before the jamming effectiveness values are determined, there are some preliminary calculations which must be performed. First, the allowable positions for the ECM aircraft must be defined, and then for each position of the strike route, a priority must be assigned to each emitter.

A. ALLOWABLE POSITIONS FOR THE JAMMER PLATFORM

If there were an unlimited supply of ECM aircraft and crews, there would be no problem determining a route to fly. Every mission would be flown as an escort role and effectiveness would be outstanding until such time as the ECM aircraft was destroyed by HOJ missiles. Such is not the case, however, since these aircraft and their crews are few in number and very expensive. They also lack the flight performance characteristics essential to fly escort with the strike group in a high threat area. It is therefore necessary to restrict the operation of the ECM aircraft to areas of lower exposure to terminal threats.

For this program a pucker factor is used to determine allowable areas of operation. This pucker factor is input by the operator. It is a measure of his permissable exposure to enemy weapons systems. If the pucker factor is zero, then no threat envelopes are penetrated; if it is one, there are no restrictions, and the ECM aircraft may fly through areas where his probability of being hit approaches unity if he is selected as a weapon system target. The pucker factor

may be anywhere in the range zero to one, and the operator is free to select the value he determines to be necessary for the success of the mission.

The probability of a kill vs. range for a typical weapon system is seen in Fig 2. To obtain an approximation of this curve suitable for computer calculations, it was first necessary to generate a curve of probability of survival as a function of range. The model chosen is given by equation (1).

$$P(SURVIVAL) = \left(\frac{r}{R_L}\right)^n \tag{1}$$

Where:

r = range of aircraft at time of launch
R = maximum lethal range of weapon
L
n = emitter parameter

The parameter n is dependent upon the lethality of the weapon. A plot of this survivability vs. range is seen in Fig 3 with n=4. The low kill probability at the short range is ignored since the aircraft would have to fly through the higher exposure area to reach that point.

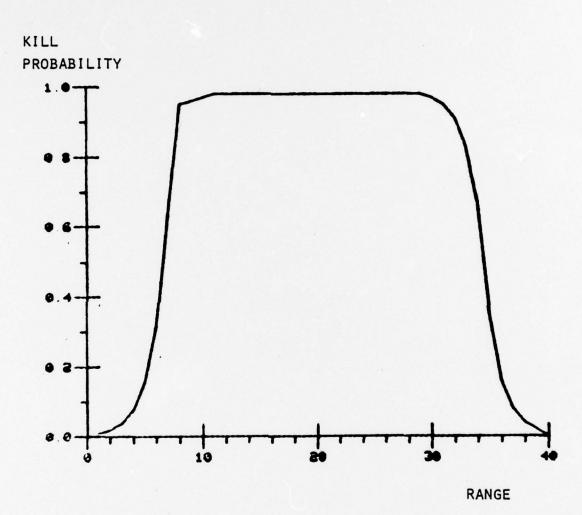


Figure 2 - PROBABILITY OF A KILL BY A HOSTILE WEAPON VS.
THE RANGE OF THE TARGET AIRCRAFT FROM THE WEAPON LAUNCH SITE.

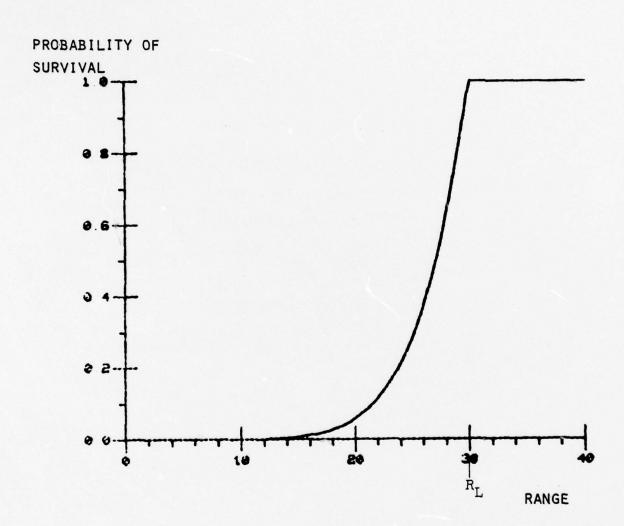


Figure 3 - ASSUMED PROBABILITY OF SURVIVAL AGAINST A HOSTILE WEAPON VS. THE RANGE FROM THE WEAPON SITE.

The exposure, or probability of kill, becomes:

EXPOSURE = P(KILL)
= 1 - P(SURVIVAL)
= 1 -
$$\left(\frac{r}{R_L}\right)^n$$
 (2)

Fig 4 shows a plot of the calculated exposure superimposed on the typical kill probability curve. The factor n is selected to give the best fit between the two curves in the area of the greater range.

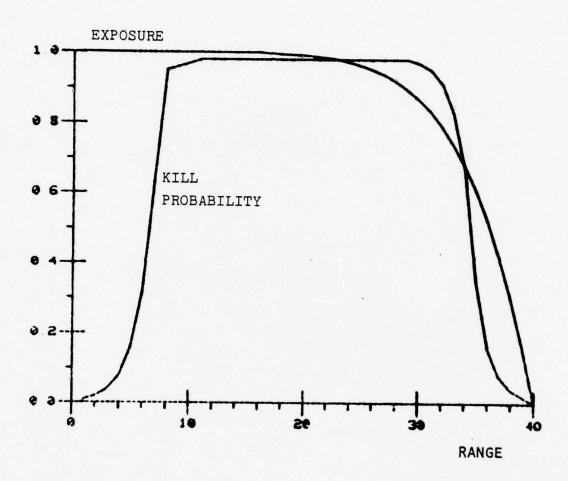


Figure 4 - EXPOSURE TO AND KILL PROBABILITY OF A HOSTILE WEAPON VS. THE RANGE PROM THE WEAPON LAUNCH SITE.

There will be some areas where the aircraft could be within lethal range of multiple weapons systems. In this case, the assumption was made that the probabilities of survival against the individual weapons were independent of each other. The overall survival probability then becomes the product of the individual probabilities given by:

$$P(SURVIVAL) = \left(\frac{r_1}{R_{L1}}\right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{r_2}{R_{L2}}\right)^{n_2} \left(\frac{r_3}{R_{L3}}\right)^{n_3} \dots$$
 (3)

Where:

The exposure is again equal to:

EXPOSURE = 1 - P(SURVIVAL)
$$= 1 - \left[\left(\frac{r_1}{R_{L1}} \right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{r_2}{R_{L2}} \right)^{n_2} \left(\frac{r_3}{R_{L3}} \right)^{n_3} \cdots \right] \tag{4}$$

If more threat ranges are penetrated, the exposure will more rapidly approach unity.

A subroutine calculates the exposure for each point in the operating area. If it exceeds the pucker factor then that particular point is thrown out as a possible location for the jammer platform. The routine then deletes points which might have a tolerable exposure but are surrounded by points of higher exposure and therefore inaccessable. The points which remain are returned to the main program as possible route points. If a pucker factor of one is input, then it can be expected that a route close to an escort will be generated, and likewise, a pucker factor of zero will generate a pure stand off route.

B. PRIORITIZATION OF EMITTERS

The next step in determining an ECM route is the prioritization of the emitters. This calculation must be performed for each point in the strike group route. The priority should be zero when the strike group is outside the maximum radar detection range and maximum when the strike passes over the radar. For ease of calculation, a model similar to the exposure model was chosen and is given below.

PRIORITY =
$$P_{\text{max}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R_{\text{max}}} \right)^n \right]$$
 (5)

Where:

n = stored emitter parameter

The parameter n is again stored in the parameter table and determines how the priority will roll off as the range approaches R . Examples of priority vs. range are plotted max in Fig 5 for n = 2, 3, and 4.

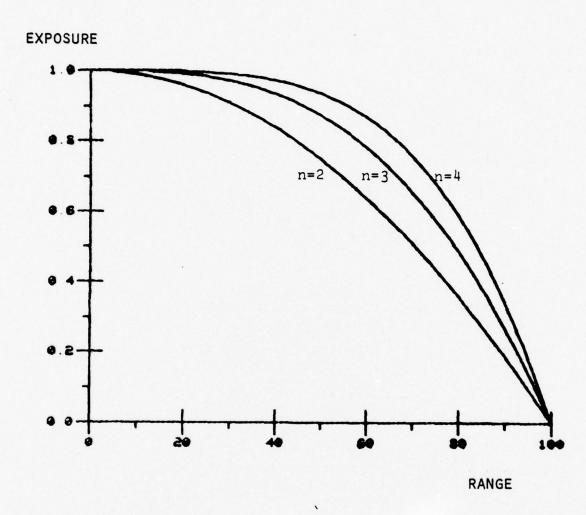


Figure 5 - EXAMPLES OF PRIORITY ASSIGNED TO EMITTERS VS.
THE RANGE FROM THE EMITTERS FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF n.

For radars which control weapons systems, there is a second significant range to consider, that of the maximum lethal range of the associated weapon. The priority of these terminal threat radars is adjusted for distances within this range as below.

PRIORITY = 0

$$= P_{\text{max}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{R_{\text{max}}} \right)^{n} \right] \qquad R_{L} < \mathbf{r} < R_{\text{max}}$$

$$= P_{\text{max}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{R_{L}} \right)^{m} \right] + P_{\text{max}} \qquad 0 < \mathbf{r} < R_{L}$$

Where:

R = Maximum detection range
max

R = Maximum lethal range of associated

weapon

P = Maximum priority when outside R L

P' = Maximum increase in priority when max

within R L

m = Stored emitter parameter

n = Stored emitter parameter

Once again m is a characteristic of the associated weapon and determines how the priority will roll off as the range approaches the maximum lethal range. This factor in addition

table. An example of a typical priority vs. range is plotted in Fig 6 for n = 5, m = 6, R = 60, R = 30, P max = 0.3, and P' = 0.6.

The sum of the two terms p and p will not exceed one so the priorities will already be normalized. The resultant priority is then indicative of the degree of threat posed by a particular radar at a given range. Fig 7 is a plot of the normalized priority vs. range of three typical radars, a missile control, a gun control, and an acquisition. If all three of these radars were co-located, it can be seen that as the range decreases from one hundred miles to zero, the acquisition starts out as the highest priority and is surpassed by the missile radar as range decreases, and this priority is surpassed by the anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) radar as the lethal gun range is penetrated.

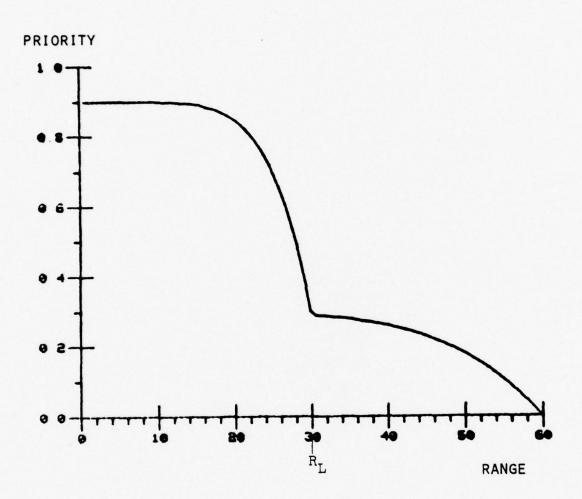


Figure 6 - TERMINAL THREAT RADAR PRIORITY ASSIGNED VS. THE RANGE FROM THE RADAR SITE.

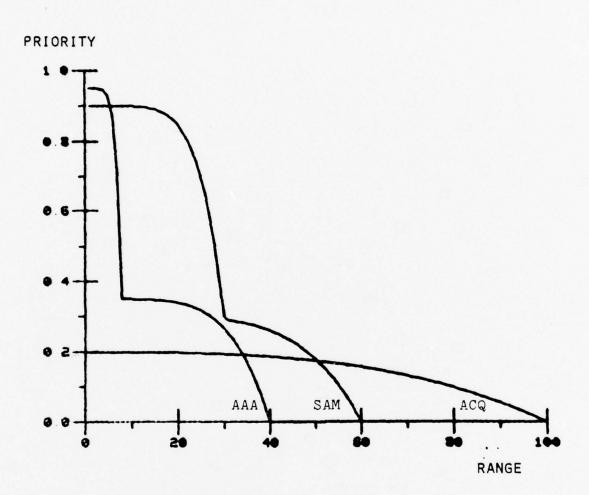


Figure 7 - EXAMPLES OF RELATIVE VALUES OF SAM, AAA, AND ACQ FRIORITY VS. THE RANGE FROM THE RESPECTIVE SITE.

III. JAMMING EFFECTIVENESS DETERMINATION

To determine an optimum route by any method requires a measure of performance for the jammer platform. Given a strike group to protect at any instant of time against an enemy air defense network, with an ECM aircraft of fixed jammer configuration, an operator must have some factor by which he can compare possible locations for his aircraft. The performance measure utilized in this program was a jam-to-signal power ratio weighted by the respective emitter priority and jammer modulation vulnerability.

A. JAM-TO-SIGNAL RATIO CALCULATION

The ratio of jammer power at the receiver to the received signal power (J/S) provides a good performance measure for a jammer. Since the jammer is fixed in power, if the J/S is computed for the different possible positions of the jammer platform, it will give a relative indication of the effectiveness against that particular radar from each point in the area. The formula [Ref. 2] used for the J/S in the program is given below.

$$\frac{J}{S} = \frac{4 \pi P_{j} B G_{jr} G_{rj} R_{t}^{4} g_{j}^{2}}{P_{r} G_{rt}^{2} \sigma R_{j}^{2} g_{t}^{4}}$$
(7)

Where:

B = Victim radar noise bandwidth (MHz)

G = Jammer antenna gain

jr

G = Radar antenna gain toward jammer

rj

R = Strike group range (meters)

g = Radar-to-target propagation factor

p = Radar power (Watts)

r

G = Maximum radar antenna gain

rt

O = Strike group cross section (square meters)

R = Jammer range (meters)

j

g = Radar-to-jammer propagation factor

All the values in this expression are readily available from stored tables or intermediate calculations with the exception of G, the gain of the radar in the direction of rj the jammer platform.

Although the antenna patterns for all hostile emitters are not available, estimates of the maximum gain, beamwidth, maximum side lobe level, and average side lobe level are available from various sources. With this information it is possible to approximate an antenna aperture dimension and an Nth order cosine electric field aperture distribution [Ref. 3]. Given the aperture distribution and dimension, the side lobes in the proximity of the main lobe can be determined.

To simplify the calculations, it was assumed in the program that terminal threat radars would have uniform (zero order cosine) aperture distributions and EW/ACQ radars would

have first order cosine distributions. The half power beamwidths for each case are stored in the parameter table and can be used with wavelength to determine the aperture dimension a as given below.

THREAT KADAK:

$$a = \frac{51 \lambda}{B}$$
 (8A)

EW/ACQ RADAR:

$$a = \frac{69 \lambda}{B}$$
 (8B)

WHERE:

B = Half power beamwidth (°)

 $\lambda = wavelength (m.)$

a = Aperture dimension (m.)

Knowing a, the normalized radation pattern for both cases can be determined from the following formulas.

THREAT RADAR:
$$E(\phi) = \frac{SIN(\psi)}{\psi} \qquad (9A)$$

EW/ACQ RADARS:

$$E(\phi) = \frac{\pi}{4} \begin{bmatrix} SIN(\psi + \frac{\tau}{2}) & SIN(\psi - \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \hline \psi + \frac{\pi}{2} & \psi - \frac{\pi}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (9B)

WHERE:

$$\Psi = \Pi\left(\frac{a}{\lambda}\right) \quad SIN(\phi)$$

E = Far-field electric field intensity

 $\Phi = Azimuth$

Since these expressions represent normalized patterns, they have to be multiplied by the maximum gain which is also stored in the parameter table to obtain absolute patterns. From these patterns, the program computes each side lobe level and sets the pattern equal to that level across the entire lobe to eliminate the narrow nulls. When the side lobes fall below the average side lobe level, which is a stored table value, the remainder of the pattern is set equal to this average level.

Only the maximum gain, beamwidth, average side lobe level, frequency, and EW/ACQ or terminal threat designation therefore need to be known to generate a radiation pattern approximation. Fig 8 shows an ACQ and Fig 9 a terminal threat pattern generated by this procedure. As would be expected, the ACQ radar has low side levels but it pays for this with a lower gain and wider main beam. The terminal threat radar pattern has a narrower main beam and higher gain but the side lobe levels are higher.

With the pattern information to provide an approximation

of the radar antenna gain when the actual value is unavailable, the J/S can be computed from every allowable jammer position in the operating area.

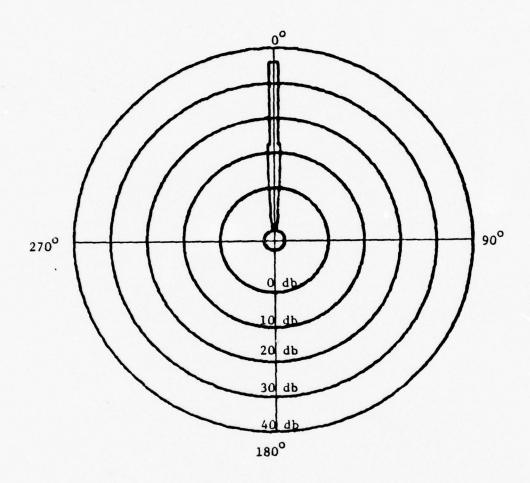


Figure 8 - APPROXIMATED ACQ RADAR PATTERN WHERE GAIN = 36 DB, BEAMWIDTH = 1.5°, AND SIDE LOBE LEVEL = -10 DB.

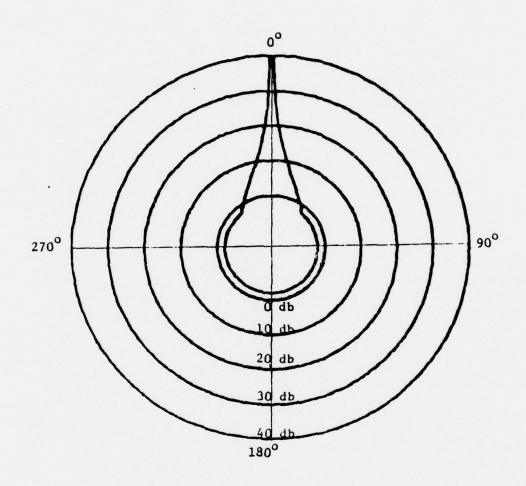


Figure 9 - APPROXIMATED THREAT RADAR PATTERN WHERE GAIN = 40 DB, BEAMWIDTH = 0.8°, AND AVERAGE SIDE LOBE LEVEL = -2 DB.

B. POWER MANAGEMENT SCHEME

An ECM aircraft is limited in the number of jammers it can carry. In a moderately dense environment there will be cases when all radars cannot be jammed. The power management scheme determines the assignments and for this program it was made very straightforward. Since a priority is computed for each radar, the available jammers are assigned on a one to one basis against the radars in descending order of priority. Therefore, the J/S is computed only against those higher priority radars for which jammers are available.

It may be possible to increase the jammer bandwidth to cover multiple signals with a single jammer but the power per MHz would be reduced and the overall effectiveness lessened. With the power management scheme utilized, if all the jammers in a band are assigned, the lower priority radars simply go uncountered. This policy makes possible the generation of a new EOB of uncoverable signals. This EOB can be run with a second aircraft of lower pucker factor through the same program to generate two mission routes without unnecessary duplication of jammer assignments.

C. OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS

The J/S varies over a wide range and can easily be as $^{-6}$ low as $^{-6}$ or as high as 10 . Excessively high values of the J/S beyond that necessary for maximum degradation of the victim radar would be wasteful of jammer power and therefore not desired. Likewise, extermely low values of J/S would

essentially be useless against a radar and would likely waste a jammer asset which could be more useful elsewhere. The program therefore converts the J/S to db and limits it to a -25 db to +50 db range and normalizes this range. The range can be altered to reflect any desired values of minimum and maximum values for an effective J/S. The J/S figures are then multiplied by their respective priorities and jammer modulation vulnerabilities to give a weighted performance indicator for the ECM aircraft against particular radars. The modulation vulnerability is a stored table parameter associated with each emitter. determined experimentally and is referenced to unity being the effect of noise jamming only.

The weighted performances are then summed for all the radars that can be jammed to give a total performance factor for a particular point in the operating area. A high value for this number indicates that the high priority signals are being jammed by a high J/S with an effective jammer modulation.

D. SAMPLE EFFECTIVENESS CALCULATIONS

As an example of some of the numerical values encountered in these calculations, consider a simple static situation where there are a SAM and ACQ radar co-located at latitude 30°30' and longitude 90°30'. If a strike aircraft with cross-section of nine square meters is located at latitude 30°20' and longitude 90°20', the jammer performance for a given test point latitude 30°10' and longitude 90°10' would be calculated as follows.

First the exposure of the ECM aircraft would have to be determined for the test point to see whether it is

acceptable. The strike group range would be 13.22 nm. and the jammer range would be 26.44 nm. Since there is only one direct threat, the SAM radar, the exposure would be calculated from equation (2) where the values of the table constants are as specified below.

EXPOSURE =
$$1 - \left(\frac{r}{R_L}\right)^n$$

= $1 - \left(\frac{26.44}{30.00}\right)^5$
= 0.468

Where:

If the maximum exposure to the ECM aircraft were 0.5, this point would be an allowable jammer position.

The next step would be to determine the priorities of each radar for the given strike position. For the ACQ radar using equation (5) the priority is determined below for the specified table constants.

PRIORITY =
$$P_{\text{max}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R_{\text{max}}} \right)^n \right]$$

= 0.2 $\left[1 - \left(\frac{13.22}{100.0} \right)^3 \right]$

Where:

The SAM priority is determined likewise from equation (6) with the range between zero and the maximum lethal range as seen below.

PRIORITY =
$$P_{\text{max}}' \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R_L} \right)^m \right] + P_{\text{max}}$$

= 0.6 $\left[1 - \left(\frac{13.22}{30.00} \right)^6 \right] + 0.3$
= 0.8956

Where:

If the ECM aircraft carries two jammers with frequency coverage such that one can cover the SAM radar while the other covers the ACQ radar, the total jamming performance can be computed for the test point. Using equation (7), the J/S can be computed for each radar as seen below for the specified radar and jammer parameters. The problem is simplified since perfect radar-strike-jammer alignment is attained at the test point. For the ACQ radar the J/S is computed as follows.

$$\frac{J}{S} = \frac{4\pi P_{j} B G_{jr} G_{rj} R_{t}^{4} g_{j}^{2}}{P_{r} G_{rt}^{2} \sigma R_{j}^{2} g_{t}^{4}}$$
= 105.12

= 40.44 db.

Where:

For the SAM radar the J/S is similarly determined.

$$\frac{J}{S}$$
 = 55.80 = 34.94 db.

Where:

$$G_{rt} = 40.0 \text{ db}$$
 $G = 9.0 \text{ m}^2$
 $R = 26.44 \text{ nm}$

These J/S values are then limited if they do not fall in the -25 db to +50 db range and then normalized. For the ACQ and SAM radars the normalized effectivenesses are adjusted as below.

$$\frac{J}{S} \text{ NORMALIZED} = \frac{\left(\frac{J}{S}\right) + 0.5}{1.5}$$

ACQ:

$$\frac{J}{S}$$
 NORMALIZED = 0.8725

SAM:

$$\frac{J}{S}$$
 NORMALIZED =0.7992

If both jammers use complex modulations which have been determined to be twice as effective as Gaussian noise jamming, the J/S values are weighted by this modulation vulnerability factor of two. The J/S is also weighted by the corresponding emitter priority computed previously to give a performance indication as shown below.

PERFORMANCE = $\left(\frac{J}{S}\right)$ (MODULATION VULNERABILITY) (PRIORITY)

ACQ PERFORMANCE = (0.8724)(2.0)(0.1995)= 0.3481

SAM PERFORMANCE = (0.7991)(2.0)(0.8956)= 1.4313

The performances against the individual radars are summed for a total performance measure for this test point.

TOTAL PERFORMANCE = ACQ PERFORMANCE + SAM PERFORMANCE = 0.3481 + 1.4313 = 1.7794

This performance becomes the MOE for this test point. The MOE is used as a comparison between the different test points to determine the best position to designate as an ECM route point.

IV. ROUTE DETERMINATION

A. THE OFTIMUM ROUTE

The problem of determining an optimum route can most readily be determined in a case such as this through a dynamic programming approach [ref. 1]. By starting at the desired final position of the ECM aircraft, one could compute positions of high performance and by iterating back in time and retaining the optimum routes eventually come up with the crtimum route which maximizes the total ECM performance. The problem encountered however is the execution time and machine size required for such a solution. For example, in a one hundred nautical mile square area in which a resolution to the nearest nautical mile in both dimensions is desired, there are ten thousand possible ECM aircraft locations. If there are thirty points in the strike route and an EOB of fifty emitters there could be fifteen million effectiveness values to be computed, Because of the flight speed constraint on the ECM aircraft, many of these results would eventually be discarded in the route determination. If the parameters of each emitter must stored in an external device and read for each calculation, it is obvious that the time of execution will exceed that available to the aircrew.

B. ROUTE GENERATION

There are some peculiarities to the ECM route problem which allow a high performance route close to the optimum to be computed in much less time. First, the strike route will generally be planned to minimize exposure and will usually have a distinct maximum as the strike passes over the area the target. The exposure will typically increase monotonically to this maximum and decrease in the The total priority (sum of the individual emitter priorities for a particular strike group point) will be indicative of the strike group exposure and thus reach a maximum at this same point as seen in Fig 10. Since the performance is weighted by this priority the optimum ECM route can be expected to pass through the point where performance is maximum for this particular time. This time can be determined from the priorities previously computed. All possible jammer locations for this time slot can then be checked and the ten positions of highest performance retained as possible ECM route points.

Because the total priorities decrease monotonically for strike points either side of the highest priority point, the total performances at earlier and later optimum ECM route points can be expected to decrease in the same manner since they again are weighted by the priorities. As a result, it not necessary to look at all possible jammer locations for the next route point, only those within the one time unit ECM aircraft flight distance from the previous point. For a well defined strike exposure maximum, this is the path the optimum route would be expected to follow. This will significantly reduce the execution time and required storage space. The time unit between successive route points must be large enough so that a distinct maximum performance point can determined but not so large as to overlook significant interim high performance points or to overfly large areas of non-allowable positions. For this program a one minute time space between route points was used.

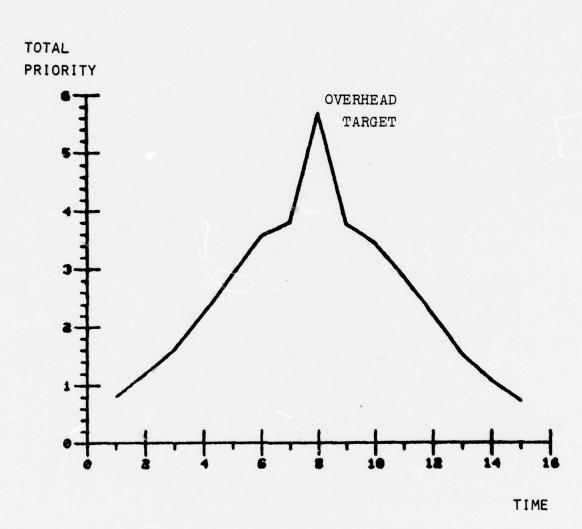


Figure 10 - STRIKE GROUP EXPOSURE (TOTAL PRIORITY AT EACH POINT) VS. TIME.

Starting with the highest strike group priority point the ECM route can be generated in two segments by iterating away from this point toward the start and finish strike group points. For each iteration, the ECM route point is determined as the highest performance point within the one minute ECM aircraft flight distance from the preceding route point as seen in Fig 11. When all these points have been calculated, the two high performance route segments to and from the optimized point are connected to form a route. The total performance at each point in the route is summed and associated with the route as its MOE. For this program, when the performance is being computed from each of the allowable jammer locations for the time of highest strike exposure, the ten points of highest performance are retained. A route is computed for each of the ten points and output with its MOE. Usually the first route will have the highest MOE but the operator has his choice of the ten.

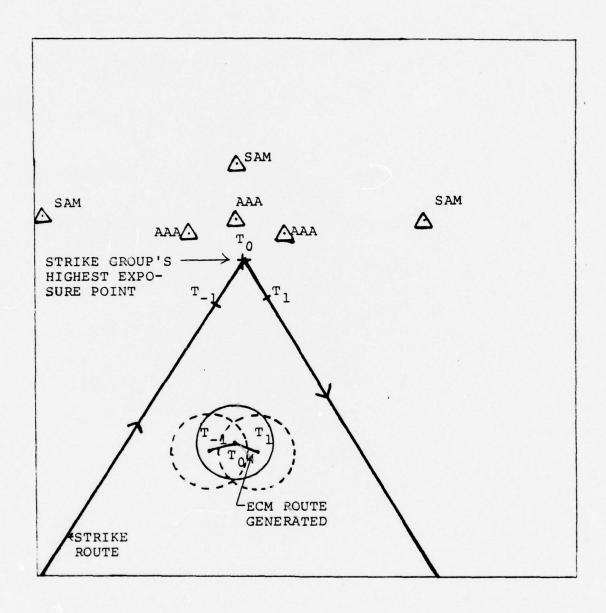


Figure 11 - ECM ROUTE GENERATION BY ITERATING FORWARD AND BACKWARD IN TIME FROM THE OPTIMUM ECM ROUTE POINT AT To.

C. SAMPLE ROUTE

To illustrate the route generated by the program, consider a simple EOB of one acquisition, three SAM, and three AAA radars. The operating area will be considered a square bounded by latitude 90° 00' and 01° 30' and longitude 00° 00' and C1° 30'. The strike route, threat emitter locations and maximum lethal ranges are seen in Fig 12, a blow up of the area of interest in the operating area. The ECM routes for maximum exposures of 0.0, 0.9, and 0.99 are seen in Fig 13 through Fig 15 respectively. If the exposure is set to 1.0, then as expected an escort route will be generated.

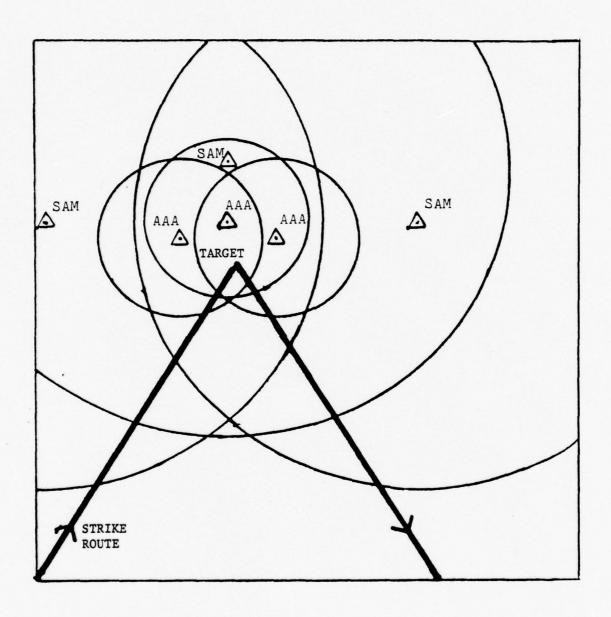


Figure 12 - SAMPLE STRIKE ROUTE AND EOB WITH MAXIMUM LETHAL RANGES OF WEAPONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMITTERS.

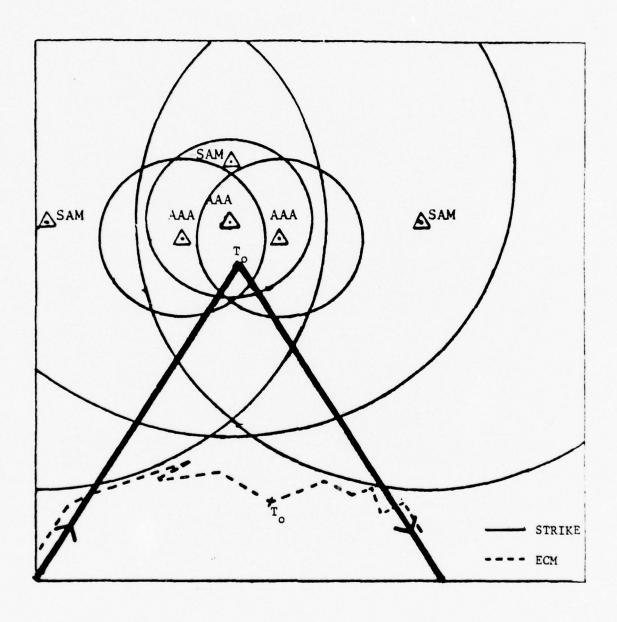


Figure 13 - ECM ROUTE GENERATED WHEN MAXIMUM EXPOSURE =0.0.

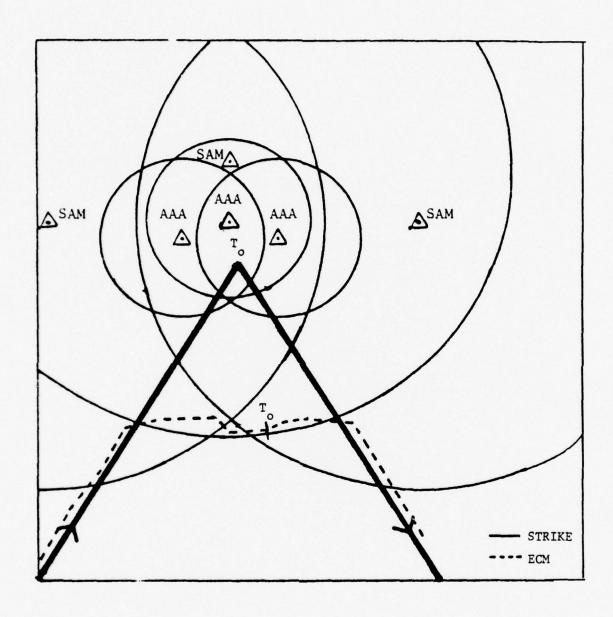


Figure 14 - ECM ROUTE GENERATED WHEN MAXIMUM EXPOSURE =0.9.

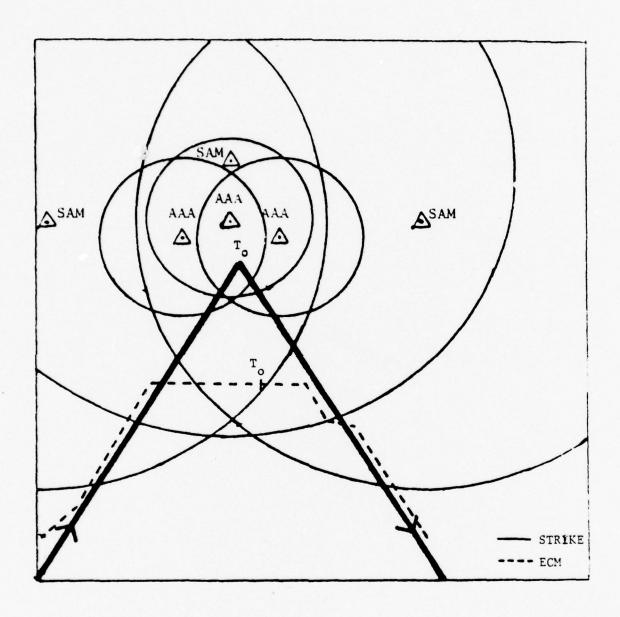


Figure 15 - ECM ROUTE GENERATED WHEN MAXIMUM EXPOSURE =0.99.

V. SUMMARY

A. CURRENT FROGRAM

The program as presented in the preceding sections to determine a route for an ECM aircraft is very simple. In its present form it uses an excessive amount of core storage but only because of the intermediate testing done during its development. In translating to a smaller machine it can be readily compacted to significantly reduce the size required. It must be remembered that the route generated is not the absolute optimum, but a one point optimization with a high performance route to and from this point. For the typical strike route and EOB though, the route should come close to the absolute optimum. The program listing is enclosed at the end of this report. The program was run on the Naval Postgraduate School IBM-360/67 computer under CP/CMS System and for the sample routes generated it took approximately twelve minutes of computer time.

B. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

If external storage such as floppy disk is available on the system which incorporates this program, there are several areas where the program performance could be enhanced without a significant increase in size or execution time. The antenna patterns could be pre-computed for all hostile emitters and stored in an external table for simple

lookup of the value needed. If this is done the aperture can be better approximated and a more accurate pattern can be computed since the computation time would not The J/S could be weighted by an additional factor indicative of experimental results of jammer effectiveness measurements against known system types. This factor would also be predetermined for each hostile emitter and stored externally as a function of jammer range. In computing the allowable positions for the ECM aircraft within the maximum exposure limits, the computed exposure can be modified to reflect the reduced exposure to the ECM aircraft due to its The jamming performance can also be adjusted jamming. to indicate increased performance when jammer frequencies and pointing angles overlap. This would possibly require a different jammer management scheme. It would also be easy to observe the total priority as a function of strike group position to determine how it increases to its highest point and then falls off. This characteristic could then be translated to indicate to the operator how far from the optimum the generated route deviates. The final program should be checked with a complete dynamic programming optimization to determine when it becomes unreliable as a planning tool.

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